

## UTAH ZONE FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

### CHARTER 2001

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Utah Zone Fire Operations Committee is established to provide an interagency approach to all aspects of wildland fire activities in the Utah Zone, as authorized under the Utah Zone Interagency Fire Management Committee (UZIFMC).

#### **Membership:**

The Utah Zone Ops committee will consist of representatives from each of the following agencies:

National Park Service (represent all National Park units within Utah)  
Forest Service (represent all National Forests within Utah)  
Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (represent all BIA within Utah)  
Bureau of Land Management (represent all BLM within Utah and Arizona Strip Field Office)  
US Fish and Wildlife Service (represent all Utah wildlife refuge)

Agency representative will ensure that respective agency policy and procedures are maintained. The members will coordinate recommendations for agency acceptance and implementation. Members will be selected by their agencies. The Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center Manager is a permanent technical advisor to the committee.

#### **Purpose:**

1. Provide leadership and direction to the Utah Zone Interagency Type II teams. Select IC's, assist IC's in recruiting and selecting team members, ensure interagency team makeup, develop trainees for targeted team positions, and engage in strategic planning for team viability.
2. Serve as Utah operations working group of the Great Basin Operations Committee.
3. Identify fire operations issues, establish priorities, develop alternatives, and recommend a unified course of action to UZIFMC,

including such things as interagency readiness reviews, interagency preparedness plans, etc.

4. Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and the development of consistent practices.
5. Coordinate with the Utah Zone Training committee and with other zone committees and working groups as needed.
6. Review of statewide annual operating plan.

### **Officers:**

The Fire Management Committee shall select a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Chair serves for a period of one calendar year, then the Vice-Chair assumes the Chair. The Chair is responsible for setting up zone meetings including selecting the time and place, arranging facilities, and defining the agenda. The Chair serves as a point of contact for Zone type two Incident Commanders and the Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center to discuss and resolve team and mobilization issues affecting the zone. A new Vice-chair will be identified at the fall meeting. The Vice-Chair assists the Chair as needed and acts in place of the Chair when the Chair is unavailable.

The Zone will have a representative on the Great Basin fire operations working group. A zone representative will attend the team selection meeting and the type II team meeting. The zone operations committee will have a representative at all UZIFMC meetings.

### **Meeting:**

The full committee will usually meet twice a year. The fall meeting will normally handle a review of the previous fire season with team IC's and discuss team training needs and targets. The spring meeting will normally handle the statewide annual operations plan and readiness issues.

### **Adoption of Policy:**

It is imperative that recommendations be made to UZIFMC for formal agency review, acceptance and distribution for implementation. Operational changes which do not include policy changes or costs may be implemented directly through their appropriate channels.